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Decreased Yields for Tobacco and Corn; Increased for Other Row Crops

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its crop production report today from the September Agricultural Yield Survey conducted at the beginning of the month.

“Tennessee row crops continue to look mostly positive for this season,” said Debra Kenerson, Tennessee State Statistician. “NASS contacted producers across the state to gather information on expected yields as of Sept. 1. With the exception of slightly decreased yield expectations for our tobacco and corn crops, producers of other row crops expect higher yields.”

Corn production in **Tennessee** is forecast at 120 million bushels, down three percent from the August forecast and up three percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 150 bushels per acre, down five bushels from last month and down 10 bushels from the 2015 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 800,000 acres, up 70,000 acres from 2015. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, down slightly from the August forecast and up 11 percent from last year's record production. Based on conditions as of Sept. 1, yields are expected to average 174.4 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushels from last month but up six bushels from 2015. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.6 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up seven percent from 2015.

Soybean production for **Tennessee** is forecast at 84.3 million bushels, up seven percent from the August forecast and from 2015. Yield was estimated at 49 bushels per acre, up three from last month and up three bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.72 million acres, unchanged from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.2 billion bushels, up three percent from the August forecast and up seven percent from last year. Based on Sept. 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.6 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from last month and up 2.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 83 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up one percent from 2015.

Tennessee cotton production is projected to be 530,000 bales, up six percent from the August forecast and up 74 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,018 pounds per acre, up 18 pounds from last month and down 28 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 250,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from the August forecast and up 110,000 acres from 2015. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 16.1 million bales, up two percent from the August forecast and up 25 percent from 2015. Yields are forecast to average 802 pounds per acre, up two pounds from last month and up 36 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9.66 million acres, up one percent from the August forecast and up 20 percent from the previous year.

Tennessee burley tobacco production is forecast at 19.2 million pounds, down nine percent from the August forecast but down 11 percent from 2015. Yield was projected at 1,600 pounds per acre, down 150 pounds from last month and down 200 pounds from the 2015 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, unchanged from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 146 million pounds, up one percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 78,900 acres, unchanged from 2015. Yields were expected to average 1,848 pounds per acre, up 14 pounds from last year.

Production of **Tennessee dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 20.7 million pounds, down seven percent from the August forecast and down 13 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at three million pounds, down seven percent from the August forecast and down nine percent from last year.

“These data are always important, even crucial, to the agriculture industry,” Kenerson said. “NASS depends on and thanks producers for their participation in our surveys, which enable us to make these reliable, unbiased forecasts.”

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, September 1
TENNESSEE AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016 ²	2015	2016 ¹		2015	2016
						Aug 1	Sep 1 ²		
	TENNESSEE								
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	780	870	730	800	160.0	155.0	150.0	116,800	120,000
Soybeans ³	1,750	1,750	1,720	1,720	46.0	46.0	49.0	79,120	84,280
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	455	440	395	390	68.0	71.0	--	26,860	27,690
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	155,000	255,000	140,000	250,000	1,046	1,000	1,018	305	530
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	20,900	20,600	2,333	2,254	2,083	48,770	42,920
Burley	--	--	12,000	12,000	1,800	1,750	1,600	21,600	19,200
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	7,700	7,400	3,100	3,000	2,800	23,870	20,720
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	1,200	1,200	2,750	2,700	2,500	3,300	3,000
	UNITED STATES								
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	87,999	94,148	80,749	86,550	168.4	175.1	174.4	13,601,198	15,092,908
Soybeans ³	82,650	83,688	81,814	83,037	48.0	48.9	50.6	3,929,160	4,200,985
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	39,461	36,538	32,257	30,176	42.5	54.9	--	1,370,188	1,657,440
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	8,580,500	10,145,000	8,074,900	9,655,400	766	800	802	12,888	16,142
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	328,650	318,150	2,178	2,184	2,159	715,946	686,910
Burley	--	--	78,900	78,900	1,834	1,900	1,848	144,675	145,770
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	17,850	17,150	3,144	2,822	2,680	56,125	45,970
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,200	5,900	2,750	2,461	2,261	17,050	13,340

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.

